Inclusion of Tai-Ahom in ST List

4647. SHRI BHADRESWAR GOHAIN: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Assam has recommended to the Centre for the inclusion of the Tai-Ahom Community in the Scheduled Tribe List;

(b) if so, whether any decision has been taken so far on the recommendations of the State Government;

(c) whether Government are aware that the Tai-Ahom Community is the largest community in Assam who ruled Assam for long six hundred years and the recommendation of the State Government, if at all do not reflect the general opinion of the community; and

(d) whether the recommendations of the State Government will be scrapped and rejected by the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) As per the report of Assam Institute of Research for Tribals and Scheduled Castes Tai-Ahom community reigned in Assam for about six hundred years. The recommendation of the State Government for its inclusion in Scheduled Tribe list of Assam will be considered strictly in accordance with the prescribed criteria.

National Institute of Social Defence, New Delhi

4648. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Government have taken to gear up the activities of the National Institute of Social Defence, New Delhi as an instrument for the formulation of comprehensive strategy towards social defence covering not only offenders but also those who live in conditions that generate criminality; and

(b) the research activities/studies conducted by the Institute?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) The steps taken by the Government to gear up the activities of the National Institute of Social Defence in this regard include:—

(i) increasing the number of training courses and reorienting the course content,

(ii) linking its training and research programmes to the newly emerging areas of social defence,

(iii) initiating action for the construction of a fnctional building in Dwarka, New Delhi.

(b) The Institute brings out their regular quarterly journal for the last 25 years called 'Social Defence'. The journal reflects the work done by the Institute in collecting statistical data in the field of prison services, probation services, juvenile justice, anti-beggary programmes and prevention of immoral traffic. It also contains independent research work done by its stff. The Institute has recently prepared a 300-page book on the research studies on 31 cities and 2 border areas, reported as particulary vulnerable to drug-abuse. The Institute has been closely associated with the implementation of the recommendations of the All India Jail Manual Committee and work relating to the All India Committee on Jail Reforms. It has also been rendering technical advice on matters relating to Inter-national Organisations in the field of the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders. It has also played a role in working out a national level scheme in the field of drug abuse prevention.

Rehabilitation of eunuchs

4649. SHRI PASUMPON THA KIRUTTINAM:

SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to gainfully employ the eunuchs in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and by when the proposal is likely to be implemented; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons for Government's indifference in this behalf and how Government propose to end the public nuisance that the eunuchs are creating, particularly in the metropolitan cities on social functions?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) At present, Government of India is not implementing any scheme for the rehabilitation of eunuchs. However, there are regulatory laws under Police Acts and the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 for handling public nuisance of the kind referred to in the question.

Constitution of Dr. Ambedkar Foundation

4650. SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN:

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) when did Government constitute Ambedkar Foundation;

(b) what is both plan and non-plan grants of the foundation, year-wise figures;

(c) what are the activities since then the Foundation has undertaken;

(d) details of each scheme-project and also the beneficiaries;

(e) how many meetings of the Foundation did take place;

(f) since then what action has been taken on the decision arrived at the meeting details thereof in each case;

(g) what steps are being taken to activise the Foundation;

(h) whether any blue print in the past has been prepared to streamline and expand the activities of the Foundation; and

(i) whether Government propose to constitute a high level team to look into the needs of Foundation in the near future and also expand its activities?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) Dr. Ambedkar Foundation was constituted on 24th March, 1992.

(b) A grant of Rs. 8.5 crores for the following four schemes was given by the Government to Dr. Ambedkar Foundation in March, 1992; (1991-92);

(i) Setting up of Dr. Ambedkar National Public Library-Rs. 5.50 crore.

(ii) Management of Dr. Ambedkar Natlonal Award—Rs. 1 crore.

(iii) Establishment of Dr. Ambedkar Chairs in different Universities in the country—Rs. 1 crore.

(iv) Award of Dr. Amberkar Overseas Fellowships—Rs. 1 crore.

During 1992-93, a grant of Rs. 1 crore to meet the shortfalls in the management of Dr. Ambedkar National Overseas Fellowships was given.

(c) The Foundation has undertaken the following activies since its Inception;

(i) Dr. Ambedkar National Public Library;

The issue of allotment of land for the library is being pursued with the Ministry of Urban Development. After the land is allotted, an architectural design competition and selection of design and architect will be made and construction work will start.

(ii) Dr. Ambedkar National Award: The award for the year 1992-93 has been advertised calling for nominations. Nominations have been processed and are to be presented before the jury which will make the